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1. The Volkspolizei regiment at Oranienburg received six more self-propelled gun carriages, model SU 85, on 5 May 54. They are of Soviet manufacture. There are about 1,800 men in the barracks at Oranienburg. About 300 of them belong to a unit at Blumberg, near Berlin, and they are being trained with tanks at Oranienburg. Three platoons from Oranienburg are being transferred at the end of May to the Muskauer Heath for trench combat training. The regiment is to be equipped with new Soviet machine guns in place of the German and Soviet weapons it has been using. A number of officers from Oranienburg have been in Indochina for about two months. Among them is a certain Commissar [fnu] Tietz, a native of Berlin.
2. Three thousand pairs of rubber boots for the military Volkspolizei have been delivered from Czechoslovakia to the supply depot at Bad Schandau.
3. The Volkspolizei artillery unit at Glöwen, Brandenburg, received 12 tractors on 6 May 54. They are of Hungarian manufacture. The unit will now get Soviet 150 mm guns.
4. In 1953, 4,522 Volkspolizei members were discharged on grounds of unfitness. This includes both the military and the "blue" Volkspolizei.

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5. The armored forces of the military Volkspolizei on Rügen get ammunition for their tank guns from Poland. It is brought by Seepolizei vessels from Miedzyzdrze/Sig where there is a Polish army ammunition depot. Temporarily, ammunition has been obtained from Rummelsburg, also of Polish manufacture. Now it is being brought direct by ship to Lohme.
6. A military Volkspolizei infantry unit of 312 men is stationed at Pinnow. They are mostly recruits being trained as non-coms. The signal troops formerly at Pinnow have been transferred to Eggesin. It is reported that an antiaircraft unit shortly will be transferred to Pinnow.
7. Eight Volkspolizei men have been attached to the radiation research division of the Medizin-Biolog Institut at Berlin-Buch since 24 May 54. They are being trained in the use of Geiger apparatus and spinthariscopes and given theoretical instruction in radioactive elements. The men belong to the Cottbus air police regiment.

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